

REMARKS

Claims 70 and 71 are amended to recite steps of providing a bakers' yeast and a starting strain and forming said dough and said dough pieces, respectively. Claim 72 is amended to depend from claim 70 and by deleting the word "used" in line 2. Claim 73 is canceled. No new matter is presented.

I. Response to Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 71-73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner states that claims 71 and 72 are unclear because they do not recite any method steps. Further, the Examiner states that the terms, "bad taste" and "off-flavors" in claim 73 are indefinite.

Claim 71 is amended to recite steps of "providing a starting strain" and "forming said dough", thereby obviating this ground for rejection. Claim 70 is amended in a similar manner as discussed above.

Claim 72 is amended to depend from amended claim 70, thereby obviating this ground for rejection.

Claim 73 is canceled, thereby obviating this ground for rejection.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §112 rejections.

II. Response to Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 72 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by www.bread-bakers.com/archives/digests/v09n024.txt.

Claim 72 is amended to depend from claim 70, which is allowed. Therefore, claim 72 is patentable for at least the same reason as claim 70. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §102 rejection.

III. Allowable Subject Matter


Claims 26-29, 31-35 and 37-70 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowed claims.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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